# Why Is My Water Bill So High?

If your water bill suddenly spikes, it's often a sign that something is wrong with your plumbing system. Here's how to spot other signs of trouble, how to determine the



## Troubleshooting a High Water Bill







#### **Ask Yourself**

### The Likely Problem

### Your Next Step

Have you had a new appliance \_\_\_\_ Incorrectly installed appliances \_\_\_\_ Call the plumber who installed installed?

can cause leaks.

your appliance.

Is there water damage on your \_\_\_\_ There could be a leaking pipe in \_\_\_\_ Contact a plumber to inspect

Do you have a running faucet or Even small leaks can add up to Contact a plumber to inspect toilet? Contact a plumber to inspect your pipes for leaks.

your walls.

your pipes for leaks. Have you noticed unusual Your sewer could be leaking Schedule a sewer inspection to puddles outside your home? Schedule a sewer inspection to discover any leaks.

use a lot of water.

Are there wet spots on your —— Broken sprinkler systems may —— Call your irrigation technician to lawn? —— Call your irrigation technician to get them fixed.

Is there an unusual smell in your 🗼 This could be a sign of a sewer 🔔 Sewer gas is dangerous, call for

gas leak.

a sewer inspection right away.

Have you filled a pool or used a \_\_\_\_ You may have used more water \_\_\_\_ Follow our tips below to reduce

than normal and forgot.

your water use.

## Tips to Reduce Your Water Bill

If it turns out that there's nothing wrong with your plumbing system, that's good news. You're spared the cost of repairs and can still reduce your water bill. Here are a few ways to get you started:



Install low-flow fixtures and toilets



Only start full loads of laundry



Choose drought-resistant plants



Don't leave your faucets running



Take short showers and not baths



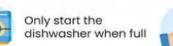
Water your lawn less frequently



Do not hand wash your dishes



Don't use temporary kiddie pools



Install energy-saving appliances

